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**There's Not To  
Reason Why**

Editor, The Progress-Index;

Sir:

Open letter to Mrs. Toni White,  
Dear Mrs. White,

You have committed the unpardonable, you have dared to criticize a situation. Didn't you know you are suppose to be happy, happy, happy in this world of ours? Didn't you know you aren't supposed to ask "why"? Why does the roof leak or why can't the screen-less windows be fixed so you don't have to look

with shamed guilt at the ugly mosquito bites on your children's soft skin.

Today we aren't supposed to ask "why" our husbands and brothers are dying in Viet Nam fighting the Viet Cong with, some say, obsolete weapons issued by our government. We aren't suppose the power of the CIA and its in-pose to question or criticize the power of the CIA and its influence on the White House. No, Mrs. White, we just aren't suppose to be critical, to do so, you'll just have to take the consequences, even if it means a retraction of a letter.

I don't think even "Dear Abby" could help you with your relatives at this sensitive time. But who knows, maybe because of your letters, granddaddy will put up net on the screen-less windows, and if you're real good and put away your paper and pencil, maybe he'll even give you a bright new bucket to carry water to the house.

S. LEE DUTTON

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